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Vance warns ‘deeper’ cuts ahead for federal workers as shutdown enters 12th day



Vice President JD Vance speaks with reporters in the James Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, in Washington.

By **STEVE PEOPLES**
AP National Political Writer
Vice President JD Vance on Sunday said there will be deeper cuts to the fed-

eral workforce the longer the government shutdown goes on, adding to the uncertainty facing hundreds of thousands who are al-

ready furloughed without pay amid the stubborn stalemate in Congress. Vance warned that as the federal shutdown entered its 12th day, the new cuts would be "painful," even as he said the Trump administration worked to ensure that the military is paid this week and some services would be preserved for low-income Americans, including food assistance. Still, hundreds of thousands of government workers have been furloughed in recent days and, in a court filing on Friday, the Office of Management and Budget said well over 4,000 federal employees would soon be fired in conjunction with the shutdown. The

effects of the shutdown also grew Sunday with the Smithsonian announcing its museums, research centers and the National Zoo are temporarily closed going forward for lack of funding. "The longer this goes on, the deeper the cuts are going to be," Vance said on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures." "To be clear, some of these cuts are going to be painful. This is not a situation that we relish. This is not something that we're looking forward to, but the Democrats have dealt us a pretty difficult set of cards." Labor unions have already filed a lawsuit to stop the aggressive move by President Donald Trump's budget office, which goes far beyond what usually happens in a government shutdown, further inflaming tensions between the Republicans who control Congress and the Democratic minority. The shutdown began on Oct. 1 after Democrats rejected a short-term funding fix and demanded that the bill include an extension of federal subsidies for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The expiration of those subsidies at the end of the year will result in monthly cost increases for millions. Trump and Republican leaders have said they are open to negotiations on the health subsidies, but insist the government must reopen first. For now, negotiations are virtually nonexistent. Dug in as ever, House leaders from both parties pointed fingers at each other in rival Sunday appearances on "Fox News Sunday." "We have repeatedly made clear that we will sit down with anyone, anytime, anyplace," said House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York. "Republicans control the House, the Senate and the presidency. It's unfortunate they've taken a my-way-or-the-highway approach." House Speaker Mike Johnson blamed Democrats and said they "seem not to

care" about the pain the shutdown is inflicting. "They're trying their best to distract the American people from the simple fact that they've chosen a partisan fight so that they can prove to their Marxist rising base in the Democratic Party that they're willing to fight Trump and Republicans," he said. Progressive activists, meanwhile, expressed new support for the Democratic Party's position in the shutdown fight. Ezra Levin, co-founder of the leading progressive protest group Indivisible, said he is "feeling good about the strength of Democratic position." He pointed to fractures in the GOP, noting that Georgia Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene publicly warned last week that health care insurance premiums would skyrocket for average Americans — including her own adult children — if nothing is done. "Trump and GOP are rightfully taking the blame for the shutdown and for looming premium increases," Levin said. "Their chickens are coming home to roost." And yet the Republican administration and its congressional allies are showing no signs of caving to Democratic demands or backing away from threats to use the opportunity to pursue deeper cuts to the federal workforce. Thousands of employees at the departments of Education, Treasury, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, are set to receive layoff notices, according to spokespeople for the agencies and union representatives for federal workers. "You hear a lot of Senate Democrats say, well, how can Donald Trump possibly lay off all of these federal workers?" Vance said. "Well, the Democrats have given us a choice between giving low-income women their food benefits and paying our troops on the one hand, and, on the other hand, paying federal bureaucrats." □



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California expands privacy protections as Democratic-led states resist Trump's immigration agenda

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

Immigrants selling food, flowers and other merchandise along the sidewalks of California will have new privacy protections intended to keep their identities secret from federal immigration agents.

The measure, signed into law this past week by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, comes on the heels of other recently enacted state laws meant to shield students in schools and patients at health care facilities from the reach of President Donald Trump's immigration enforcement actions.

Democratic-led states are adding laws resisting Trump even as he intensifies his deportation campaign by seeking to deploy National Guard troops to Democratic-led cities to reinforce U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers who are arresting people suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

By contrast, some Republican-led states are requiring local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with ICE agents.

"The actions of the states really reflect the polarization of the country on this issue," said Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports immigration restrictions. "We have seen some states move to cooperate to the greatest extent that they possibly can" with Trump's administration and others "doing what they can to try to thwart immigration enforcement in their state."

Across the U.S., state lawmakers this year have passed more than 100 bills relating to immigration, ac-



Flower vendor Jose, an immigrant from Mexico, sits for a photo with his face covered by flowers outside a gas station in Los Angeles, Friday, Aug. 8, 2025.

Associated Press

cording to an Associated Press analysis aided by the bill tracking software Plural. The measures are divided almost evenly between those providing and denying protections to immigrants.

California is shielding immigrant information

Immigrants comprise a significant portion of California's urban sidewalk vendors. Some have been swept up in immigration enforcement actions, in part, because their outdoor work in public places makes them easier targets than people behind closed doors.

California's street vendors typically need permits from cities or counties. The new law prohibits local governments from inquiring about vendors' immigration status, requiring fingerprinting or disclosing personal information — name, address, birth date, social media identifiers and telephone, driver's license and Social

Security numbers, among other things — without a judicial subpoena.

The law, which will take effect Jan. 1, was prompted by concerns that vendor databases kept by local governments could be accessed by federal immigration agents to target people for detention and deportation.

"We're talking about really security — security for businesses, security for human beings, security for people who have gone through so much," said Sergio Jimenez, a street vending organizer with the nonprofit Community Power Collective in Los Angeles.

Additional laws recently signed by Newsom add immigration status to a list of protected medical information and prohibit schools from granting access to immigration enforcement officials without a court warrant. Another new California law directs schools and higher education in-

stitutions to immediately notify staff and students or parents when immigration officials are on campus.

Democratic states create safe places for immigrants. Upon taking office, Trump reversed a policy restricting federal immigration agents from arresting people at sensitive locations such as schools, churches and hospitals. Like California, other Democratic-led states responded with laws attempting to create safe places for immigrants.

A Maryland law enacted earlier this year requires public schools, libraries and health care facilities to restrict access for immigration enforcement officials unless presented with a court warrant. Nevada's Republican governor vetoed a similar measure for schools that had been passed by the Democratic-led Legislature.

Meanwhile, a new Colorado law allows civil penalties of up to \$50,000 for public

child care centers, schools, colleges, health care facilities and libraries that collect information about people's immigration status, with some exceptions. New laws in Rhode Island prohibit health care providers and landlords from inquiring about people's immigration status. Oregon also enacted a similar law for landlords.

States split on aiding federal immigration agents.

By contrast, Republican-led states have passed numerous laws intended to bolster Trump's immigration policies.

New laws in Texas, Florida and Arkansas require sheriffs who run jails to enter into federal agreements for their officers to be trained to help U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. State and local participation in the federal 287(g) immigration enforcement program — named after the section of law that created it — has exploded from 135 agreements in 21 states before Trump took office in January to more than 1,000 agreements presently in place in 40 states. But some Democratic-led states have refused to take part. A new Delaware law prohibits participation in the program, similar to statutes already in place in California and Illinois. Democratic-led Vermont also tightened its restrictions on participating in federal immigration enforcement programs, repealing an exemption that had allowed it during emergencies.

A Connecticut law that took effect in October allows people to sue local governments that cooperate with federal immigration authorities in violation of the state's "Trust Act." □

Trump's indictment of New York attorney general Letitia James stirs concerns for Black women leaders

By **MATT BROWN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The coalition of New York NAACP chapters had just begun its annual state convention when Letitia James, a longtime member and the state's attorney general, canceled her appearance.

James had just been indicted by the Justice Department for alleged mortgage fraud, a charge which she called "baseless" and "a grave violation of our constitutional order."

For the New York convention's organizers, the moment was alarming and underscored the gathering's importance, which featured multiple sessions on building political power at the state level in response to what NAACP leaders called federal attacks on social welfare, civil rights and the rule of law.

"It was through our collective action that a democracy was built," said NAACP New York State Conference President L. Joy Williams. "What we have to do is not only defend against what is happening now, but we have to push further past where we were before, to build a system to build a better American democracy that we all deserve."



New York Attorney General Letitia James speaks during a campaign rally with community leaders in the Jackson Heights neighborhood in the Queens borough of New York, Nov. 1, 2022.

Associated Press

The indictment of James, who had previously prosecuted the Trump Organization for business fraud, immediately sparked debate over whether the justice system had been politicized for President Donald Trump's personal grievances. It also drew many parallels with the recent effort by Trump to remove a Federal Reserve Board governor, Lisa Cook, from her post over similar allegations.

Claims against James and Cook carry symbolic weight

Advocates see some of Trump's recent moves as exceptionally targeted at Black women leaders.

"This is something that we've been grappling with since the start of this administration," said Shavon Arline-Bradley, president and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women, the country's oldest civil rights organization for Black women. The claims also have symbolic weight to Black families, Arline-Bradley said, where property ownership has historically

been restricted by the legal system through outright and implicit discrimination. Homeownership has since become a disproportionate — and sometimes sole — avenue of wealth creation for Black Americans. And a recent national survey shows a widening of the racial wealth gap between white and Black individuals, even as income has increased for Black workers.

"When you attack someone's home, you attack their ability to own, you at-

tack their ability to have choice, you have attacked their ability to make a statement about their economic future," Arline-Bradley said. "This is a consistent pattern that has highlighted what they think is an Achilles' heel in the Black community." Black women, Arline-Bradley added, "feel very targeted" because of the president's words and actions, which she said was rooted in "a misunderstanding about the accomplishments and leadership of these women."

'One tier of justice for all Americans'

The Trump administration contends its prosecution of James over alleged mortgage fraud is justified and impartial.

"No one is above the law," Lindsey Halligan, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, said in a statement. "The charges as alleged in this case represent intentional, criminal acts and tremendous breaches of the public's trust. The facts and the law in this case are clear, and we will continue following them to ensure that justice is served."

And Attorney General Pam Bondi wrote, "One tier of justice for all Americans" shortly after James' indictment in a post on X. □



A reporter works outside of Willie's Bar and Grill in St Helena Island, S.C. after a shooting occurred early Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025.

Associated Press

By **LEWIS LEVINE**

Associated Press

ST. HELENA ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — A mass shooting early Sunday at a crowded

bar on an idyllic island considered to be the largest Gullah community on the South Carolina coast has left four people dead and

Shooting at packed South Carolina bar kills 4 and injures at least 20 others

at least 20 injured, officials said.

A large crowd was at Willie's Bar and Grill on St. Helena Island when sheriff's deputies arrived and found many people with gunshot wounds. An estimated 5,000 or more Gullah people living on the island trace their ancestry back to enslaved West Africans who once worked rice plantations in the area before being freed by the Civil War.

Bar owner Willie Tural was inside the establishment, which was packed for a high school alumni event, when he heard shots go-

ing off "in bursts" outside. He described the scene: "Screaming and panic and fear."

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said in a statement on the social platform X that many people ran to nearby businesses seeking shelter from the gunfire.

"This is a tragic and difficult incident for everyone," the statement said. "We ask for your patience as we continue to investigate this incident. Our thoughts are with all of the victims and their loved ones."

Among the injured, four were in critical condition at hospitals Sunday after-

noon. The victims' identities were not released.

Tural said the bar was hosting an event for alumni of Battery Creek High School in Beaufort, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) northwest of St. Helena Island. He said people were having a good time when the shots were heard.

"It was scary from the inside," he said, with "people not knowing what's really going on outside, people trying to get to safety."

U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace posted on X that she was "COMPLETELY HEARTBROKEN to learn about the devastating shooting." □

Chinese coast guard rams and damages a Philippine vessel off an island in the South China Sea

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— A Chinese coast guard ship used a powerful water cannon on Sunday then rammed and slightly damaged an anchored Philippine government vessel off an island inhabited by Filipinos in the disputed South China Sea, the Philippine coast guard said.

There were no injuries among Filipino crewmen of the BRP Datu Pagbuaya, part of the fisheries fleet that provides support to Filipino fishermen. The Chinese coast guard targeted Pagbuaya off the Philippines-occupied Thitu island in the latest flare-up of the long-simmering territorial disputes involving Manila, Beijing and four other governments.

The Chinese coast guard accused the Philippine vessels of illegally entering what it called Chinese waters near a cluster of sandbars known as Sandy Cay, which lies between Thitu and China's artificial island base called Subi and "ignoring repeated stern warnings from the Chinese side." It said it "took control measures against the Philippine vessels in accordance with the law and resolutely drove them away."

China has repeatedly restated its sovereignty and control over virtually the entire South China Sea, a



In this photo provided by the Philippine Coast Guard, a Chinese Coast Guard vessel, right, fires its water cannon at the Philippine's BRP Datu Pagbuaya near Philippine occupied Thitu island locally called Pag-asa island at the South China Sea on Sunday Oct. 12, 2025.

Associated Press

major trade route, despite a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated its historic claims. That ruling has been rejected by China but supported by the United States and its Western and Asian allies, including Japan, Australia, the European Union and Canada.

The U.S. immediately condemned "China's aggressive actions in defiance of international law" and expressed support for the Philippines, a close Asian treaty ally. U.S. Ambassador to Manila MaryKay Carlson praised the Filipino personnel involved in the incident

for their "tremendous valor and skill in the face of China's dangerous ramming and use of water cannons." Pagbuaya and two other Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources vessels were anchored in the territorial waters off Thitu, called Pag-asa by the Philippines, when Chinese coast guard and suspected militia ships suddenly approached and staged "dangerous and provocative maneuvers," the Philippine coast guard spokesperson Commodore Jay Tarriela said in a statement. He added that such aggression would not

prompt Manila to "surrender a square inch of our territory to any foreign power."

A Chinese coast guard ship with bow number 21559 "fired its water cannon directly at the BRP Datu Pagbuaya, hitting the vessel," then rammed the stern of the Philippine fisheries vessel three minutes later, causing "minor structural damage but no injuries to the crew."

Video issued by the Philippine coast guard shows a Chinese coast guard ship firing a water cannon, hitting the vessel and its two Philippine flags. The Filipino-

manned ship is seen moving away from the Chinese coast guard ship.

"Despite these bullying tactics and aggressive actions, the Philippine coast guard and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources remain resolute," Tarriela said. "We will not be intimidated or driven away."

In Beijing, Chinese coast guard spokesperson Liu Dejun said in a statement the two Philippine vessels illegally entered waters near Sandy Cay, which China calls Tiexian Reef, "without the permission of the Chinese government." One dangerously approached the Chinese Coast Guard vessel, causing a scrape, he said. The responsibility rests entirely with the Philippine side, Liu said, accusing the Philippines of undermining the peace and stability in the South China Sea and "sternly warned" the Southeast Asian country "to immediately stop infringement and harassment."

"The harassment we faced today only strengthens our resolve," Philippine coast guard commandant Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan said. "Filipino fisherfolk depend on these waters and neither water cannons nor ramming will deter us from fulfilling our commitment to Pres. Ferdinand Marcos to not surrender a square inch of our territory to any foreign power." □

Estonia closes road through Russian territory due to presence of Russian troops

TALLIN, Estonia (AP) — Estonia has temporarily closed access for its citizens to a road they normally use that passes through a stretch of Russian territory, after the interior minister reported on a group of Russian soldiers standing there, Estonia's public broadcaster said Sunday.

Estonia's Police and Border Guard Board said in a statement Friday that the closure took place that day "after border guards observed a larger-than-usual unit moving on the territory

of the Russian Federation." The Estonian border agency said that the closure of the kilometer- (half-mile-) long road through the Saatsse Boot is necessary to ensure the safety of people in Estonia and to prevent possible incidents.

The Saatsse Boot in southeastern Estonia is a small, boot-shaped area of Russian territory extending into Estonia. Estonians and other citizens can drive through the area without a permit, but are not allowed to stop. Estonian media reported

that the Russian unit was made up of about 10 men. While Russian border patrols are normal in the area, it is unusual for them to stand in the middle of the road that is also used by Estonians, media reports said.

Interior Minister Igor Taro was quoted as saying Saturday that the Russian soldiers had left the area again. He added that the situation was calm but that the road would remain closed at least until Tuesday. "There is no direct threat of war. This has been constantly



A border fence between Estonia and Russia is seen near Vinski, Estonia, Monday, Sept. 15, 2025.

Associated Press

confirmed by the Estonian Defense Forces. The Saatsse Boot incident has not changed the situation," he

was quoted as saying by the daily newspaper Postimees, according to the public broadcaster EER. □

Madagascar's president says a coup is underway after soldiers joined anti-government demonstrations

By SARAH TETAUD and GER-
ALD IMRAY

Associated Press

ANTANANARIVO, Mada-
gascar (AP) —

Madagascar's president said Sunday that an attempted coup was underway in the Indian Ocean country, just a day after members of an elite army unit joined youth-led protests against the government and called for the president to step down. President Andry Rajoelina's office offered no details on who was behind the attempt and no signs of violence were immediately visible on the streets on Sunday, although there was a large military presence.

A commander of the elite CAPSAT unit, Col. Michael Randrianirina, denied any coup had taken place, but the unit claimed to have taken control of all of Madagascar's armed forces and said it had installed a new leader of the military, Gen. Demosthene Pikulas. "We responded to the people's call," Randrianirina told reporters. Pikulas, who spoke alongside Randrianirina, declined to say if they had asked Rajoelina to resign, but the CAPSAT army unit appeared to be in a position of authority.

Madagascar has been



Soldiers are greeted by people gathering for a ceremony in tribute to demonstrators killed during recent anti-government protest in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025.

Associated Press

shaken by three weeks of the most significant unrest in years in the nation. The protests were led by a group calling itself "Gen Z Madagascar," and the United Nations says the demonstrations have left at least 22 people dead and dozens injured. The government has disputed this number.

The whereabouts of the president were not immediately known on Sunday. His

office said he "wishes to inform the nation and the international community that an attempt to seize power illegally and by force" has been "initiated."

"In view of the extreme gravity of this situation," the president's office "strongly condemns this attempt at destabilization and calls upon all forces of the nation to unite in defense of constitutional order and national sovereignty," it

said.

CAPSAT is the same army unit that was pivotal in a 2009 military-backed coup that first brought Rajoelina to power as the head of a transitional government.

A turning point in these protests came Saturday when soldiers from CAPSAT joined weeklong anti-government demonstrations and called for Rajoelina and government officials to step down.

Saturday's protests were among the largest since the unrest began on Sept. 25 and Randrianirina said his troops had exchanged fire with security forces who were attempting to quell the protests and that one of his soldiers had been killed.

Speaking to crowds from an armored vehicle, Randrianirina said Saturday that Rajoelina, his new prime minister, the minister of the gendarmerie and the commander of the gendarmerie "must leave power. That's all."

"Do we call this a coup? I don't know yet," Randrianirina had said.

Madagascar, a large island of 31 million people off the east coast of Africa, has had several leaders removed in coups and has a history of political crises since it gained independence from France in 1960. The 51-year-old Rajoelina first came to prominence as the leader of a transitional government following a 2009 coup that forced then-President Marc Ravalomanana to flee the country and lose power. Rajoelina was elected president in 2018 and reelected in 2023 in a vote boycotted by opposition parties. □

France's newly re-appointed prime minister names new Cabinet in bid to quell political turmoil



Reappointed French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu looks on as he visits a police station in L'Hay-les-Roses, outside Paris, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025.

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France's newly re-appointed Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu named a new government Sunday, as he faces pressure to urgently produce a budget and quell political turmoil that is scaring businesses and investors and staining the country's image.

The Cabinet includes several members who served in previous governments, from French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist camp and allied conservatives, as well as some people from outside the political sphere.

It is unclear how long this new team will last. Macron, whose term ends in 2027, lacks a majority in the deeply fractured parliament. Opposition legislators have called for new elections or his resignation.

Lecornu, a 39-year-old centrist and close ally of Macron, and his govern-

ment will now have to seek compromises to avoid an immediate vote of no confidence in the National Assembly, deeply fractured among far right, centrist and left-wing camps.

Among new appointments is a new defense minister, former Labor Minister Catherine Vautrin, who will help oversee French military support for Ukraine and address threats to European security posed by Russia.

Paris police chief Laurent Nunez, who oversaw security for the 2024 Olympics, becomes interior minister, in charge of national security. Roland Lescure will be finance minister, a crucial job as France tries to produce a budget that tackles ballooning debt and growing poverty. Among those keeping their jobs is Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot, who travels Monday with Macron to Egypt for an international ceremony marking the Gaza ceasefire. □

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by cucumber and pineapple salsa, banana beurre blanc, and plantain fried rice—a delicate balance of tropical sweetness and savory depth.

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Visit the island's hidden natural pools

(Oranjestad)—Amongst the countless beaches surrounding the island that are well-known and frequently visited, there are an additional two “hidden” natural pools that are situated in the northern coast of the island, two ideal stops in your tour itinerary.

Conchi (Natural Pool)

For many years, Conchi was the only natural pool that we had on the island. Located in the Arikok National Park, near Boca Keto and the Daimari Ranch, Conchi—also known “Cura di Turtuga (Turtle's Cove) or just Natural Pool—is reachable with any 4x4 vehicle or by foot if you're up for a long hike. However, since it is part of the National Park, you must first get permission from park

management to enter. You would have to purchase a day pass, and receive a wristband as proof of payment. Once you've completed that, you are set!

If you decide to hike from the entrance of the Arikok National Park, this is also possible: do bring plenty of protective clothing and enough water and food—it could take you up to three hours to hike there!

However, when you eventually do get there, you will be greeted with crystal blue water surrounded by a natural rock formation that protects you from the wild waves on the other side. Though the pool is located on the northern side of the island (where the sea is largely rough and largely no suitable for swimming), the pool

itself is very calm. It's also relatively deep, and you can climb up the rocks and jump in!

Cave Pool

This relatively new pool appeared just a few years ago, when a part of the dried up coral cliff floor broke off and created a partition between the ocean and what is now the natural pool that is hidden there. Because it's still so new, there is no official name for it, but most people just call it the cave pool.

Just like the Conchi, the new natural pool is situated on the northern coast of Aruba. However, this pool is much easier to reach with any type of vehicle, and there is no hiking needed. This spot has also become a regular stop for touring visitors.

When you get there, maybe you won't be able to spot the pool immediately, because you will probably notice the moon-shaped lagoon where wild northern waves crash into each other. Sounds scary, but if you look down on your right, you'll see a calm, crystal blue little pool in the corner. To get there, you have to climb down some stairs. Be careful when climbing down and follow the instructions of your tour guide if you have one.

And just like Conchi, this pool also has a jumping spot, and a rope to climb back up the boulder. □

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The Aruban Cunukero; From past to present

(Oranjestad)—Aruba's culture consists of rich historical traditions that make up the Aruban identity and lifestyle. However, the life of the cunukero (farmer) is perhaps the most important aspect of our culture, in a sense representing to locals the true essence of the Aruban.

Historically, cunucus (farms) played a huge role in the early social and economic development of Aruba, and its relevance dates back to the early days of the colonization era. Upon being discovered by Spanish conquistadors in the late 15th century, Aruba was used primarily as a ranch, housing horses and cattle brought from Europe. During the Dutch colonization era where the West Indian Company (WIC) dominated the economic sphere on the island, using the land to set up cattle farms and ranches remained popular.

Anthropologist Sidney Mintz divided Caribbean farmers back in four categories:

1. The "squatters", who were mostly comprised of illegal and poor colonists, runaway slaves and deserters who took advantage of the Spanish's weak supervision on Caribbean islands like Cuba and the DR;
2. Then you have "Early Yeomen", who were legal farmers who came to the west under contract. Once their contract expired, they were given a plot of land for independent use;
3. Proto-Peasants were plantation slaves who were allowed to have a small piece of land to grow food for their own consumption. This was to curb the cost of living on the plantations;
4. Lastly you have the "Runaway Peasantries", usually comprised of runaway slaves who acquired farming tools and cattle through stealing or through secret exchanges with other slaves from different plantations.

However, the Aruban cunukeros back then are hard to place, and their history may explain why.

From 1636 (beginning of Dutch colonization era) to before the oil industry in 1924, Aruba's population consisted of mostly farmers. These farmers were mostly indigenous and were characterized as peasants. They weren't allowed to participate in trading, but instead were granted a piece of land to live off of. However, in exchange for this grant, these indigenous farmers were obligated to work for the WIC, doing daily tasks such as taking care of or hunting cattle—large majority of which were destined for Curacao, clean water tanks and chop wood, among other things.

As much as these farmers were given to opportunity to live "free" with a plot of land, their exclusion from the trading and business world, as well as being deprived the chance to become real property and cattle owners, made them a unique group among Caribbean farmers at the time.

The WIC placed a lot of restrictions on these indigenous farmers—a method to safeguard their cattle deposit on the island. The indigenous farmers were mostly granted less than 7 acres of land. Those who owned bigger land were either once affiliated with the WIC or were colonists who settled on the island to try their luck at farming. In 1767, there were about 120 houses/cunucus on the island.

These Aruban farmers were also limited to the amount of cattle they could keep. Most kept goats as cattle, as only those who were affiliated with the WIC could keep (more) sheep. Of the 76 goat herders on the island, about 45 of them had less than 30 goats, and only 7 of them had more than 60 goats. It wasn't until the WIC was defunct in late 18th century that these farmers were able to obtain more



freedom as cunukeros. After 1824, the government gave these farmers official permission to keep livestock, and the obligations once placed on them were officially discarded.

Because of the dry climate in Aruba, growing food for commercial purposes was not popular. The focus was mainly on cattle herding and taking care of livestock. However, livestock need food to survive, and when Aruba experienced its duper dry climate, many farmers would see a big loss in their livestock, and hence profit.

Although the WIC at one point did try to come up with an initiative to get more people to have land on the island, the climate never really allowed real profit from farming. Because of the climate, Aruban farmers in general could not keep large quantities of livestock. At a certain point toward the end of the 18th century, the climate got so bad that many farmers decided

to leave the island for a while.

For this reason, the farming economy on the island remained small. As the years went by and people noticed that these farms could not really produce any sustainable profit, farmers kept their small piece of land just to live off of. This is why the Aruban cunukeros only played a very tiny role into the plantation economy.

In modern Aruba, cunucus and cunukeros still exist on the island, fortunately with more freedom and more opportunity to tap into the agricultural market. These farmers usually sell their produce on a smaller scale, like during farmers' market events and other types of (holiday) events. □

Source: "Arubaans Akkoord: Opstellen over Aruba van voor de komst van de olieindustrie (Aruban Accord: Essays on Aruba Before the Arrival of the Oil Industry)" by Alofs, Luc; Rutgers, Wim; Coomans, Henny E. red.



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Infini Named One of the 10 Best Restaurants in Aruba by Caribbean Journal

In a recent feature by Caribbean Journal, Infini has earned a coveted spot on the publication's list of the "10 Best Restaurants in Aruba for 2025." Known for spotlighting the finest in Caribbean travel and dining, Carib-

bean Journal praised Infini as a standout for its immersive, high-end culinary experience.

"Dining at Infini is an intimate encounter with culinary precision — just a few seats, one open kitchen, and a front-row view of Chef Urvin Croes in action," the article states. "For those seeking something rare and immersive in Aruba's dining scene, Infini delivers something unforgettable." Located inside the exclusive Blue Residences, Infini is not your typical fine-dining venue. With their open-concept kitchen, the restaurant invites guests to become part of the culinary journey. Each course—meticulously prepared by Chef Urvin Croes and his team—blends modern techniques with the bold, authentic spirit of the Caribbean.

Chef Urvin, celebrated for his innovative approach to island cuisine and crowned Iron Chef Aruba, has built Infini into a space where dining becomes storytelling. Every detail—from plating and pacing to personal engagement with the chef—is designed to elevate food into an experience.

With this recognition from Caribbean Journal, Infini continues to raise the bar for Aruba's culinary scene, offering something truly unique for food enthusiasts looking to go beyond traditional dining. □



Beaches for the whole family to enjoy!

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when traveling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to traveling parents to list off some the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas

Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of

the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach sites, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches

for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingos up close! □

Surf's Up: Favorite places to catch waves in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Whether you are a salt-sea-seasoned surfer looking for a thrill, or just looking to wet your toes in a little ocean adventure, Aruba has amazing places to learn and practice surfing! Although more known for the calmer waters of Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Mangel Halto, Aruba also has some special places to thrill your senses. Because of strong winds and breezes, Aruba is perfect for wind and kite surfing. You will surely notice kites in the air as you drive around the wilder, rougher areas on Aruba's east side.

There are plenty of surf shop rentals to help you with your gear, and there are also a lot of tutors if you're looking to try for the first time and need a little help. These can be found around the island, and will surely come in hand if you're wanting to try a new experience!

With that said, here are Aruba's favorite surf spots!

Andicuri



Andicuri is recognized as the best place for body boarding. Because of the rough waves, this beach is better suited for those with more experience in surfing. However, the beach with two bluffs – one on each side – is worth a visit,



if only to watch the exciting show presented by the surfers.

To go to Andicuri, you will need a 4x4 vehicle and drive from the ex-Natural Bridge Center. Alternatively, you can make it an adventure by going on a hike! The scenery is unique and beautiful on its own.

Reaching Andicuri Beach can be an adventure in itself, as it can be difficult to find and is only accessible by 4x4 vehicle or walking from the ex-Natural Bridge center, but the impressive scenery makes it all worthwhile!

Arashi

Arashi, a beach located close to the California

Lighthouse, is a good spot for learning and having fun – if you're lucky! The waves at Arashi are usually calm, but with just the right weather, a swell forms attracting all the local surfers to the area.

Boca Grandi

Boca Grandi is at the most southern spot in Aruba, and is a popular spot with experienced surfers. Close to the famous Red Anchor and our beloved Sunrise City – San Nicolas, a trip to Boca Grandi can easily turn into an all-day trip to this area of the island. With a beautiful beach (although it is not allowed to swim here, because of strong currents), you can enjoy a relaxing time combing the beach for driftwood, coral, and little crabs and snails.

Hadicurari

Known locally as Fisherman's Hut, here is where you will find most of the action for surfers in Aruba. With a variety of surf shops and schools in this area, you will find it easy to get in on the action. Hadicurari is also the site of the Aruba Hi Winds World Challenge, which takes place usually in June/July, and it is the largest windsurfing competition in the Caribbean!

Malmok

If you're a beginner, this is your spot. There are also various shops to rent gear and receive lessons, facilitating learning and just trying out a new experience. The beach is also popular for paddleboarding and other watersport activities. □



Did you know about...? The history and meaning of the Aruban florin

(Oranjestad)—Aruba Today is proud to officially introduce a new segment called Did you know about...?, where we dive into some (historical) facts of Aruba, its culture and way of living. In this first edition, we look back at the Aruban florin: its history, design and symbolism.

In Aruba, we know the 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent coins, along with the 1 and 5 Florin coin. Aruban Florin bills include the 10, 25, 50, 100, and rarely, the 200 bills. In Papiamentu we call our currency Florin, but the umbrella term for money is placa. Cents are called cen (pronounced: seng), both in the singular and plural form. Most coins are circular and their size depend on their worth. However, the 50 cent coin is easily recognizable by their square shape, as is the 5 Florin coin by their golden color. Every coin has the Aruban emblem carved on it, with the other side displaying the worth of the coin. The bigger 1 and 5 florin coins, however, contain the carving of the emblem on one side, while displaying the side profile of the Dutch king, Willem-Alexander, on the other side. When his mother, Princess Beatrix, was reigning queen, it was her profile that was carved on the two coins.

Outdated Aruban coins and their names

In the past, Aruban coins had distinctive names and also varied in worth. For example, a 5-cent coin was once called Dos placa; 10-cent coins were called debchi; 25-cent coins were called diez placa and the 50-cent coin was once called Yotin (pronounced: jo-teen). We also used a distinctive coins worth 2 ½ cents, called placa too. However, this last coin is no longer in use and has become a relic of Aruban money. Back then, the 5-Florin coin used to also be square, but now it is circular.

Aruban bills: their design and symbolism

The Aruban Florin collection contains a variation of colorful bills, displaying incredibly detailed and beautiful designs that tell the story of Aruba on a single piece of paper.

Prior to 2019, the Aruban Florin bills were relatively simpler in design compared to now, but still included beautiful designs and colors, often depicting local animals. These past designs were made by the Aruban artist Everino Fingal in 1990 up to 2019. Between 1990 and 1993, the 5 Florin coin was a bill. The Fingal



designs also included a 500-Florin bill, which has now been discontinued.

In 2019, the Central Bank of Aruba commissioned a new design of the Aruba Florin bills, this time selecting artist and former art teacher, Nigel Matthew, to present his new design. Matthew kept the tradition of including local animals and the familiar colors on the bills. However, he included additional designs that represent the Aruban culture and link to the Indigenous inhabitants that were the first to set foot on the island.

Current design and symbolism



10 florin

On the 10-florin bill, you can see a Turtuga blanco (white turtle). The blue color symbolizes the blue Caribbean Sea. You can also see the ruins of the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, a coral motif, and the symbols of Cas Floria (traditional Aruban house design) with a piece of mosaic.

25 florin

On this orange bill, you can see an Aruban medicinal plant called Shoshoro. The birds Trupiaal, Shoco, rock drawings, and the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic are also depicted. There is also a Purun di ceramica (clay pot), in

reference to the relics left behind by our indigenous ancestors.

50 florin

On this bill, we see the Cododo (blue lizard found on the ABC islands), Cangreu di tera (land crab), Willem III Tower, and again the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, as well as a beach plant called Banana di rif. The colors are pink/purple.

100 florin

This bill is green in color, representing nature. Here we see the Yuwana (Iguana), Aloe, Toteki (lizard), the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, and a dance group performing the Baile di cinta (folkloric dance with silk ribbons).

200 florin

There is another bill with a value of 200 dollars. The brown color symbolizes the earth of Aruba. Here we see the Dornasol and the Warawara—both local birds, along with the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, the Tuna cactus plant, and the Caha di orgel (folkloric instrument, used for many traditional songs).

Extra fact:

the word "florin" supposedly is named after the Italian city of Florence or it's a reference to the Italian word "florino", both explanations related to historical Italian currencies. □

Source: Placa, placa, placa by the National Library of Aruba

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Swarm

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5 Emmy category

10 Different

11 Like some garages

12 Big Ben, for one

13 Show mercy

14 Old West cemetery

16 Outfit of the late 1930s

20 Fixate

23 Gene messenger

24 Sculptor Henry

25 Brick worker

27 Maximum amount

28 Praline nuts

29 Fizzy quaff

32 Nocturnal noise-makers

36 Old gold coin

39 Money for release

40 Almost never

41 "Diana" singer

42 Story meanies

DOWN

1 "Dragnet" star

2 Toast topper

3 Norway capital

4 Fizzy quaff

5 Resided

6 Bakery buys

7 Perfect serve

8 Fellow

9 Gallery fill

11 Small singing groups

15 Radiator part

17 Bear in the air

18 Privy to

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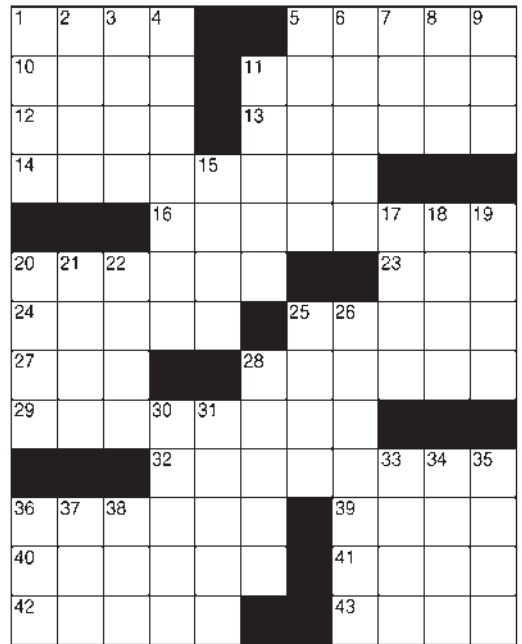
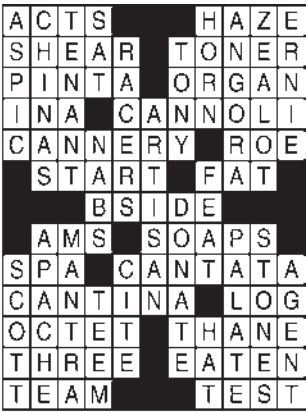
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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

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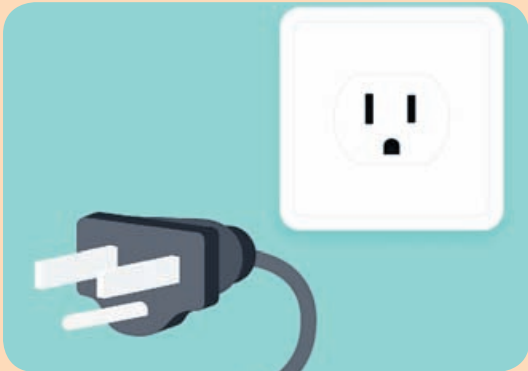
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BUT NOT ITS TWIN. — BARBARA KINGSOLVER

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



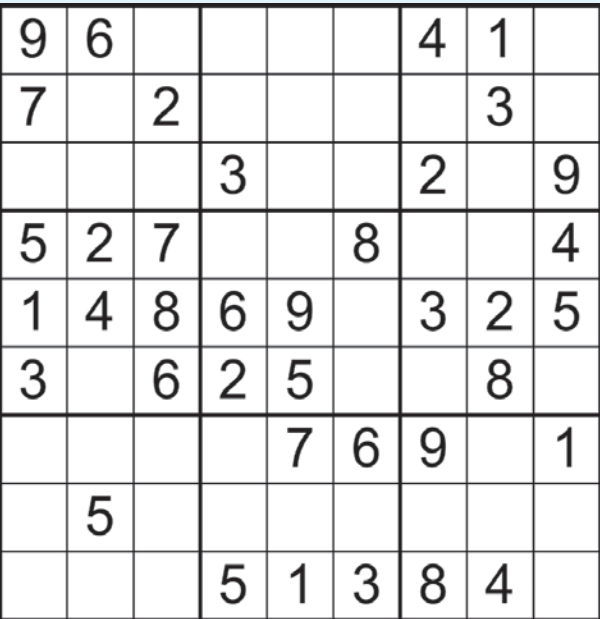
Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

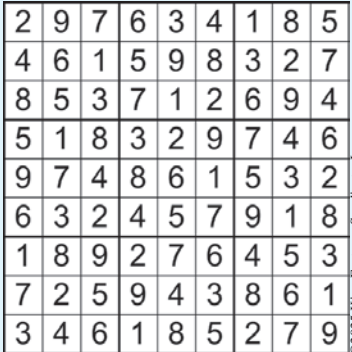
King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★

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Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty: ★★★★★

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China vows to stand firm against Trump's tariff threat



An aerial view of a container port is seen in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province, on June 6, 2024.

Associated Press

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China signaled on Sunday that it would not back down in the face of a 100% tariff threat from President Donald Trump and urged the United States to resolve differences through negotiations instead of threats. Trump responded by taking a less confrontational approach without retreating from his demands, while his vice president seemed to warn Beijing not to react aggressively.

"China's stance is consistent," the Commerce Ministry said in a statement posted online. "We do not want a tariff war but we are not afraid of one."

It was China's first official comment on Trump's threat to jack up the tax on imports from China by Nov. 1 in response to new Chinese restrictions on the export of rare earths, which are vital to a wide range of consumer and military products.

Hours later, Trump used his Truth Social platform to send a message to Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

"Don't worry about China, it will all be fine!" the Republican president wrote. "Highly respected President Xi just had a bad moment. He doesn't want Depression for his country, and neither do I. The U.S.A. wants to help China, not hurt it!!!"

Trump may have had an eye toward to U.S. financial markets on the eve of the new business week. The stock market will be open Monday, though

bond markets will close for the Columbus Day holiday. On Friday, the broad S&P 500 stock market index plunged 2.7%, its worst day in about six months after Trump's tariff threat.

The back and forth threatens to derail a possible meeting between Trump and Xi and end a truce in a trade war in which new tariffs from both sides briefly topped 100% in April.

Vice President JD Vance said Trump was committed to protecting America's economic livelihoods while making the U.S. more self-sufficient. He said the fact that China has "so much control over critical supply in the United States of America" is the definition of a national emergency and therefore justifies Trump's move to impose tough tariffs.

"It's going to be delicate dance and a lot of it is going to depend on how the

Chinese respond. If they respond in a highly aggressive manner, I guarantee you the president of the United States has far more cards than the People's Republic of China," Vance said on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures."

"If, however, they're willing to be reasonable, then Donald Trump is always willing to be a reasonable negotiator. We're going to find out a lot in the weeks to come about whether China wants to start a trade war with us or whether they actually want to be reasonable," Vance continued. "I hope they choose the path of reason. The president of the United States is going to defend America regardless." Trump has raised taxes on imports from many U.S. trading partners since taking office in January, seeking to win concessions. China has been one of the few countries that hasn't backed down, relying on its economic clout.

"Frequently resorting to the threat of high tariffs is not the correct way to get along with China," the Commerce Ministry said in its post, which was presented as a series of answers from an unnamed spokesperson to four questions from unspecified media outlets.

The statement called for addressing any concerns through dialogue.

"If the U.S. side obstinately insists on its practice, China will be sure to resolutely

take corresponding measures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," the post said. In addition to the 100% tariff, Trump threatened to impose export controls on what he called "critical software," without specifying what that means.

Both sides accuse the other of violating the spirit of the truce by imposing new restrictions on trade.

Trump said in a social media post that China is "becoming very hostile" and that it is holding the world captive by restricting access to rare earth metals and magnets.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry post said the U.S. has introduced several new restrictions in recent weeks, including expanding the number of Chinese companies subject to U.S. export controls.

On rare earths, the ministry said that export licenses would be granted for legitimate civilian uses, noting that the minerals also have military applications. □



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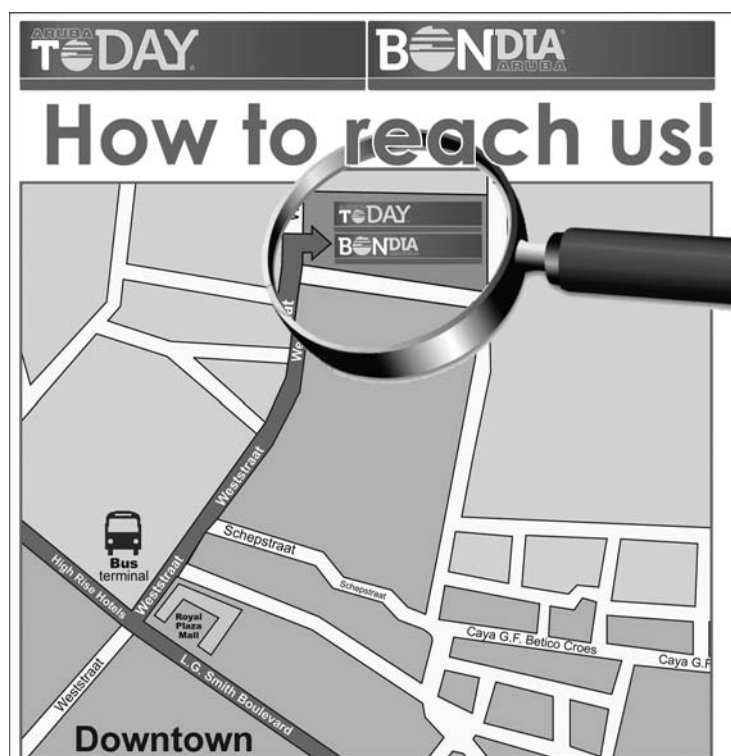
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Now what? The 0-6 Jets struggle for answers after wretched display vs. Broncos in London



New York Jets quarterback Justin Fields (7) loses his helmet after he was tackled by the Broncos Jonathon Cooper in the second half of an NFL football game between the Denver Broncos and the New York Jets, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025, in London.

Associated Press

By **KEN MAGUIRE**
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The Jets extended a drive with a fake punt against the Broncos. Then their hurry-up offense slowed down — on purpose.

Winless and desperate for a spark, New York played it safe by letting the clock run out at the end of the first half instead at least heaving the ball into the end zone while trailing 10-6.

Well, they're still winless, 0-6 in fact. Denver eked out a 13-11 victory over a Jets team that hit some lows offensively.

Justin Fields was sacked nine times and threw for just 45 yards, completing nine of 17 passes. Eli Manning at least had the rain and mud to blame for his 59-yard performance in the NFL's first regular-season game in London, back in 2007.

"It wasn't good enough and it starts with me. I got to get the ball out," Fields said.

The Jets finished with minus-10 net yards passing, the fewest in franchise history — also the fewest allowed by the Broncos in their history. It was also the fewest in any NFL game since the Chargers had mi-

nus-19 against the Kansas City Chiefs in Ryan Leaf's third career start in 1998.

New York will also now have to see about the status of star wide receiver Garrett Wilson, who coach Aaron Glenn was dealing with a hip injury — but Wilson said it wasn't to his hip but would be having tests, declining to provide details. The Athletic and ESPN reported Wilson is dealing with a knee injury.

Still, thanks to a safety, the Jets led 11-10 in the third quarter. According to Sportradar, the Jets — the NFL's lone winless squad — are the fourth team in NFL history to start a season 0-6 despite leading at least three games in the fourth quarter.

Decisions, decisions

The Jets had a fourth-and-1 from their own 47 with about 30 seconds left in the second quarter and no timeouts.

Jets coach Aaron Glenn said he didn't want to risk running a play and giving the Broncos a chance to get the ball back. Plus, the Jets were set to receive the ball to start the second half. "I do not want to give this offense the ball back at

the 49 with a timeout, with time on the clock," he said. "I don't think that's smart. I think what we did, knowing we're going to get the ball back at second half, let's keep it." Broncos coach Sean Payton, who had Glenn on his coaching staff in New Orleans from 2016 through 2020, was surprised.

"We were waiting for either a Hail Mary or something. And then the clock ran out, so that was a little surprising. It's unusual," Payton said.

Wilson, who had three catches for 13 yards, appeared agitated as he spoke to Glenn as the team walked to the locker room at halftime.

"I just didn't know exactly what the plan was," Wilson said. "Once I figured it out, I was disappointed. I'll just say that."

Glenn said he appreciates Wilson's intensity.

"He's a competitive person," Glenn said. "I mean, who wouldn't be pissed when things are not going right on the offensive side of the ball? ... I like that about him."

Glenn supportive of Fields Despite Fields' struggles, Glenn balked at a report-

er's question about whether he'd make a change at quarterback. Tyrod Taylor is Fields' backup.

"Come on, man, what kind of question is that?" Glenn said. "Sometimes this league is like there's guys that have bad games. That doesn't mean you just bench them. ...

"It's not just Justin. I understand where you guys are trying to take this. ... I don't want to sit there and pin this all on Justin."

Broncos linebacker Nik Bonitto said his team's defense is hard for any quarterback to handle, but added that Fields held the ball too long "at times."

"With the defense we run, it's a lot being thrown at a quarterback," Bonitto said. "So it's going to be difficult to just be able to just sit there and be like, 'I'm going to get the ball out' when you don't know who's coming and who's dropping and doing all these different things."

Six points with no first downs The Jets had great field position on their first two drives, but — continuing a trend this season — settled for field goals.

The field position, in fact, was good enough that they were still able to score six points despite failing to get a first down.

The defense produced a takeaway — their first this season — on Denver's first drive when cornerback Jarvis Brownlee Jr. poked the ball out of receiver Troy Franklin's hands and Andre Cisco recovered at the Denver 37.

The Jets offense could only advance 3 yards, though, and settled for Nick Folk's 52-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

After Denver tied it at 3, Kene Nwangwu returned the ensuing kickoff 72 yards to Denver's 24.

That was wasted, though, when the Jets again failed to pick up a first down. Folk kicked a 41-yarder for a 6-3 Jets lead. They picked up their first first down with 2:32 left in the first half. The converted fake punt was their second. □



Coco Gauff of the United States celebrates with her trophy after defeating her compatriot Jessica Pegula in the women's singles final at the WTA Wuhan Open in Wuhan in central China's Hubei province Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025.

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Coco Gauff beats Jessica Pegula to win the Wuhan Open in an all-American final

WUHAN, China (AP) — Coco Gauff reeled off four straight games to beat Jessica Pegula 6-4, 7-5 and win the Wuhan Open on Sunday in all-American final.

The 21-year-old Gauff won her second title of the year, having won the French Open on clay, and she now has 11 career titles.

The third-ranked Gauff served to save the second set at 5-3 down. She held and then broke the sixth-ranked Pegula to love for 5-5.

Pegula's forehand volley at the net landed wide to give Gauff a first match point and, with Pegula on second serve, she clinched it with a forehand winner following a brief rally.

"Winning every match (in the tournament) in straight sets, I don't know if I've done that before on a title run," Gauff said. "I just felt like I was really proud of what I accomplished this week, regardless of the result today."

The 31-year-old Pegula rallied to beat top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka in the semifinals. But this time she lost momentum and missed out on a 10th career title as Gauff became the second American to claim the Wuhan title after Venus Williams in 2015.

It was their seventh career meeting and first in a final. Pegula leads 4-3 overall against Gauff, with whom she has won several WTA doubles titles. □

Schauffele wins in Japan, the country where his mother grew up and where he has many connections

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)

— Xander Schauffele picked up another meaningful win in Japan, this one a PGA Tour trophy instead of Olympic gold, capping a frustrated year marked by injury and some doubt. Schauffele birdied the 17th hole Sunday and closed with a 7-under 64 to hold off Max Greyserman and win the Baycurrent Classic. It caps off a season that saw him miss two months with a rib injury and fail to reach the Tour Championship for the first time. "This is really special for me — sooner than I thought, to be fair," Schauffele said. "I was running out of events in 2025 to sort of put my mark on it. I'm sure when I look back on 2025 at the end of my career I'll smile and think it was a great year."

It was a great year off the course — his wife gave birth to their first child, Victor, in late August. But it was a struggle to regain his form after missing two months at the start of the year, coming off a season when he won the PGA Championship and British Open. And it was only fitting that he won in Japan, where his mother and mother-in-law were raised.

Schauffele finished at 19-under 265 at Yokohama Country Club and was one shot ahead of American Max Greyserman, who also was the runner-up at this event a year ago as he chases his first PGA Tour title.

Greyserman (65) fell two shots behind when Schauffele birdied the 17th hole. Needing to hole out from 190 yards to have any chance, Greyserman hit 7-iron that settled a few inches from the cup and left him a tap-in birdie.

Schauffele's biggest win in Japan was the Olympic gold medal in 2021, though he had no support in the gallery because of the COVID-19 restrictions. His maternal grandparents live in Japan. His mother was born in Taiwan and grew up in Japan. His wife's mother grew up in Japan's southern island of Okina-



Xander Schauffele, of the U.S., poses for a photo with his parents, Chen Ping-Yi, left, and Stefan Schauffele, as he won the Baycurrent Classic golf tournament at the Yokohama Country Club in Yokohama, near Tokyo, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025.

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"I've been coming here since I was about 9 years old to visit my grandparents," Schauffele said. "I sort

of fell in love with this country a long time ago. I can't wait to bring my son here when he's old enough to sort of understand and ap-

preciate the culture here in Japan."

"Yeah, the ties run deep for the Schauffele family here in Japan," he added.

Schauffele and his wife, Maya, became parents a little over six weeks ago.

"It's still kind of fresh, but it's definitely a cool thing being a dad and I'm so excited to go home to him and Maya after this," Schauffele said.

"I mean, I don't get to see them very often and they've always been gracious with their time to come out wherever the event was," he said.

"They've been awesome to me and this is pretty cool. I've really wanted to share a win with them, so can't wait to get together with

them."

Greyserman held or shared the lead through the first three rounds. Michael Thorbjornsen finished with a 64 and was three strokes behind the winner.

Soft conditions and very little wind led to low scoring. American Matt McCarty shot an 11-under 60 — with a lost tee shot on his final hole — and still finished nine strokes back. Japanese Takumi Kanaya finished with a 9-under 62 and was five behind with winner.

McCarty had a chance at a 58 but hit into the trees on his final hole and settled for a bogey and a 60. Jim Furyk holds the PGA Tour record with a 58 in the final round of the Travelers Championship in 2016. □



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Dinner plans are set with Water's Edge mouthwatering dinner menu. Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the delectable Coconut Shrimp. You can also opt for their Water's Edge House Wedge Salad or freshly made Shrimp Louie Salad, made with poached shrimp, tossed in Louie dressing, fresh avocados and vine ripe tomatoes. For something a bit heartier, try their classic French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque or Crab and Corn Chowder.

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